

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR § 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121. Applicants respectfully traverse that objection.

Applicants note that in patent drawings “[t]he English alphabet must be used for letters, *except where another alphabet is customarily used*, such as the Greek alphabet to indicate angles, wavelengths, and mathematical formulas.” 37 CFR § 1.84(p)(2) (emphasis added). In other words, English characters are required unless another character set is commonly used for the intended purpose.

Applicants respectfully submit that the non-English characters in the drawings are intended to show that keyword search strings may be represented using various forms of writing, including for example English, Hiragana, Kanji, and Katakana.¹ Thus, the drawings illustrate keywords using English, Hiragana, Kanji, and Katakana characters, which are commonly used to illustrate those forms of writing. Thus, the non-English characters illustrate different forms of writing and use character sets commonly used for their intended purpose, according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(2).

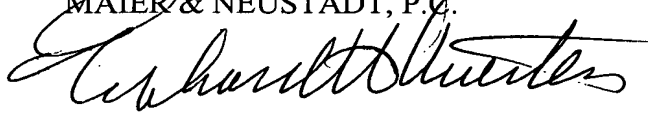
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

¹ Specification at page 34, lines 3-10, at page 40, line 26, to page 41, line 8, at page 50, lines 18-26, and at page 54, line 24, to page 55, line 15, for example.

Consequently, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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